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**Subject:** Methanol Institute Submits EFSA Aspartame Report for Methanol IRIS (Cancer) (Non-Cancer) Dockets  
**Attachments:** EFSA Draft Aspartame Paper Jan 2013.pdf; MI Submittal of EFSA Study for Meoh Cancer IRIS Assessment.pdf; MI Submittal of EFSA Study for Meoh Non Cancer IRIS Assessment.pdf

To IRIS Submission Desk:

On January 8, 2013, the European Food Safety Authority's (EFSA) Panel on Food Additives and Nutrient Sources added to Food (ANS Panel) released its draft scientific opinion re-evaluating the safety of aspartame (E951). The ANS Panel has taken all available information including new human safety data into consideration, and the draft opinion addresses the potential safety concerns related to toxicity, carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity, as well as possible reproductive and developmental effects related to aspartame and its metabolites and break down products, including methanol. The Methanol Institute is submitting the draft EFSA report on aspartame for the dockets on the IRIS Toxicological Reviews of Methanol (Cancer) and (Non-Cancer), as this report provides a detailed weight-of-evidence review of the carcinogenicity and genotoxicity of methanol, as well as the reproductive and developmental effects of methanol exposure that provide a useful addition to the scientific literature.

We have attached here two cover letters for the two methanol IRIS dockets, along with the EFSA draft aspartame opinion. Thanks.

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